

REMARKS

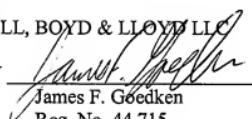
This Response is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 8, 2006. Claims 7 and 8 are hereby cancelled. Claims 10-26 are pending in this application and stand allowed.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance, and in the absence of more pertinent art, such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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